

A. I think we will find that the approach, which I consider primarily a bipartisan approach of seeking the cooperation of the legislative leadership and the naming of committees which include members of the Legislature, will be used in many areas. I don't expect to use this for every piece of legislation I would recommend. I do expect that where the matters under consideration are to some extent volatile, this gives the best chance of developing legislation that is sufficiently a consensus of opinion to be successful. And I don't want my legislative program to evolve as an exercise in futility. I want it to have a reasonable chance of success.

Q. So, you then will utilize the committee and commission system pretty much the first year of your administration, Governor?

A. That's maybe too broad a generalization, John. I'm going to utilize it where I think it will be of assistance. The committees and commissions will probably be ad hoc type organizations, not ones to continue and to complicate and create new bureaus of government. This is a time when we're seeking simplification, and I want to keep in that direction.

Q. Governor, could you address yourself, then, to why you might be consulting a special committee on civil rights where there already exists an agency known as the State Interracial Commission?

A. Yes, I certainly can. The Interracial Commission of the state, while it has served to review legislation in the past, is primarily a creature of the executive branch. The committee that I have appointed, the ad hoc group, to act in the field of human rights is primarily, as you can see by its composition, legislative and will direct its specific attention to the myriad legislation which will unquestionably be introduced during this session concerning all areas of human rights. Now, this committee has a specific function to screen this legislation, to use the ideas in it to create new legislation, but to look for a type of law that has a reasonable chance of enactment and which in the eyes of the committee itself is a needed law.

Q. Well, can you give us an idea of what you think is required in the civil rights area in this session?

A. Well, you know I am already on record from the campaign as favoring some limited housing legislation. I haven't changed that position at all.

Q. What will be introduced, then?